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## **Missiles to protect 2012 Olympics**

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# THE ARTICLE

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The 2012 Games are likely to be the best-defended Olympics ever. They have been the target of terrorists before. At the Munich Olympics in 1972, members of the Palestinian Black September group killed eleven Israeli athletes and coaches and a West German police officer. In an attack on the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, two people died and 111 were injured in a bomb attack at the Olympic Park. The USA has welcomed the security measures. They are sending up to 1,000 FBI and undercover agents to protect American athletes and diplomats. More than 6,000 British soldiers disguised as security guards plus 10,000 volunteer guards and 12,000 police will boost security for the London Games.

# WARM-UPS

**1. THE OLYMPICS:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about the Olympics. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*missiles / attack by air / security / safety / defences / weapons / main venues / defended / terrorists / athletes / injured / security measures / undercover agents*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. PROTECT:** How can Britain protect these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

Protect...	Measures	Problems with these
the Olympics		
the athletes		
spectators		
the website		
London		
the marathon		

**4. SAFE:** Students A **strongly** believe we will all be safe one day; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SPORT:** What's best? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- Olympics
- Formula 1
- Tennis Opens
- Golf Opens
- FIFA Soccer World Cup
- America's Cup yacht race
- NFL Super Bowl
- Baseball World Series

**6. PROTECT:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'protect'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1115/111115-2012\\_olympics.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1115/111115-2012_olympics.html)

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Britain will use missiles to prevent a land attack during the Olympics. | T / F |
| b. It will be the first Olympics to be defended by military missiles.      | T / F |
| c. The Beijing and Athens Games prepared missiles ready for use.           | T / F |
| d. The Olympics security coordinator denied missiles would be used.        | T / F |
| e. Defences at London's Olympics won't be as good as at earlier Games.     | T / F |
| f. The article mentions attacks at three different Olympics.               | T / F |
| g. The USA is sending 1,000 of its agents to protect the London Olympics.  | T / F |
| h. More than 5,000 British soldiers will dress up as security guards.      | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. set       | a. probable     |
| 2. protect   | b. ready        |
| 3. ensure    | c. greeted      |
| 4. deployed  | d. victims      |
| 5. reports   | e. make certain |
| 6. likely    | f. keep safe    |
| 7. target    | g. dressed up   |
| 8. welcomed  | h. used         |
| 9. disguised | i. increase     |
| 10. boost    | j. accounts     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Britain is set            | a. of terrorists before           |
| 2. an attack                 | b. to-air defences                |
| 3. All necessary             | c. agents                         |
| 4. appropriate ground-       | d. by air                         |
| 5. London's Olympic security | e. boost security                 |
| 6. They have been the target | f. the security measures          |
| 7. The USA has welcomed      | g. to use surface-to-air missiles |
| 8. undercover                | h. coordinator                    |
| 9. soldiers disguised        | i. measures                       |
| 10. 12,000 police will       | j. as security guards             |

# WHILE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1115/111115-2012\\_olympics.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1115/111115-2012_olympics.html)

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Britain is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to use surface-to-air missiles (SAMs) to protect the London Olympics from an attack (2) \_\_\_\_\_ air. U.K. Defence Minister Philip Hammond said on Monday: "All necessary measures to ensure the security and safety of the London Olympic Games will be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ including, if the advice of the military is that it is required, appropriate ground-to-(4) \_\_\_\_\_ defences." Such military weapons have been made available (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to protect an international sporting event. China deployed them (6) \_\_\_\_\_ its main venues for the Beijing games in 2008. Missiles were also on standby for the Athens Games in 2004. It is the first (7) \_\_\_\_\_ missiles will be used in Britain (8) \_\_\_\_\_ World War II. London's Olympic security coordinator Chris Allison said the reports of SAMs were not true.

*before*  
*taken*  
*time*  
*set*  
*since*  
*air*  
*by*  
*near*

The 2012 Games are likely to be the best-(9) \_\_\_\_\_ Olympics ever. They have been the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of terrorists before. At the Munich Olympics in 1972, members of the Palestinian Black September group killed eleven Israeli (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and coaches and a West German police officer. In an attack on the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, two people died and 111 were (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in a bomb attack at the Olympic Park. The USA has (13) \_\_\_\_\_ the security measures. They are sending up to 1,000 FBI and undercover agents to protect American athletes and (14) \_\_\_\_\_. More than 6,000 British soldiers (15) \_\_\_\_\_ as security guards plus 10,000 volunteer guards and 12,000 police will (16) \_\_\_\_\_ security for the London Games.

*injured*  
*target*  
*boost*  
*athletes*  
*diplomats*  
*defended*  
*disguised*  
*welcomed*

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'surface' and 'air'.

<b>surface</b>	<b>air</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• set</li><li>• air</li><li>• measures</li><li>• ground</li><li>• main</li><li>• true</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• defended</li><li>• members</li><li>• coaches</li><li>• 111</li><li>• 6,000</li><li>• boost</li></ul>
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# STUDENT THE OLYMPICS SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1115/111115-2012\\_olympics.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1115/111115-2012_olympics.html)

Write five GOOD questions about the Olympics in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



# THE OLYMPICS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Olympics'?
- c) What are your earliest memories of the Olympics?
- d) How high-profile are the Olympics?
- e) How easy or difficult do you think it is for terrorists to attack the Olympics?
- f) Do you ever worry about terrorism?
- g) What do you think of the Olympics being protected by missiles?
- h) Would this news keep you from attending the Olympics or make you feel safer?
- i) Are the Olympics a bigger target because they are in London?
- j) Why do you think the Olympics security coordinator is denying reports that missiles will be deployed?

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# THE OLYMPICS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) How important are the Olympics?
- c) What's your favourite Olympics event?
- d) How happy are you when athletes from your country win gold?
- e) What do you know of previous terrorist attacks at the Olympics?
- f) How safe will London be during the Olympics?
- g) What will an undercover FBI do at the London Olympics?
- h) How important is it for a country to hold the Olympics?
- i) Are you looking forward to the Games?
- j) What questions would you like to ask London's Olympic security coordinator Chris Allison?

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# LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |                 |                |                |
|-----|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) surface    | (b) shelter     | (c) suffice    | (d) standalone |
| 2.  | (a) measured   | (b) measures    | (c) measuring  | (d) measure    |
| 3.  | (a) might      | (b) monument    | (c) military   | (d) militia    |
| 4.  | (a) deploy     | (b) deploys     | (c) deployment | (d) deployed   |
| 5.  | (a) standalone | (b) standoffish | (c) standing   | (d) standby    |
| 6.  | (a) essays     | (b) paragraphs  | (c) reports    | (d) writings   |
| 7.  | (a) defended   | (b) defensive   | (c) defending  | (d) defends    |
| 8.  | (a) to         | (b) on          | (c) as         | (d) up         |
| 9.  | (a) hello      | (b) waved       | (c) welcomed   | (d) farewell   |
| 10. | (a) up         | (b) down        | (c) as         | (d) from       |
| 11. | (a) under      | (b) underling   | (c) understood | (d) undercover |
| 12. | (a) beast      | (b) boost       | (c) boast      | (d) baste      |



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the Olympics. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. THE OLYMPICS:** Make a poster about the Olympics and security. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SECURITY:** Write a magazine article about how to keep the Olympics free from terror attacks. Include imaginary interviews with security experts.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a security expert. Ask him/her three questions about the Olympics. Give him/her three ideas on how to keep them safe. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE:

a. F      b. F      c. T      d. T      e. F      f. F      g. T      h. T

## SYNONYM MATCH:

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
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| 5. reports   | e. accounts     |
| 6. likely    | f. probable     |
| 7. target    | g. victims      |
| 8. welcomed  | h. greeted      |
| 9. disguised | i. dressed up   |
| 10. boost    | j. increase     |

## PHRASE MATCH:

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| 5. London's Olympic security | e. coordinator                    |
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| 7. The USA has welcomed      | g. the security measures          |
| 8. undercover                | h. agents                         |
| 9. soldiers disguised        | i. as security guards             |
| 10. 12,000 police will       | j. boost security                 |

## GAP FILL:

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## LANGUAGE WORK

1 - a    2 - b    3 - c    4 - d    5 - d    6 - c    7 - a    8 - b    9 - c    10 - a    11 - d    12 - b

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